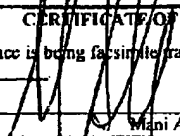


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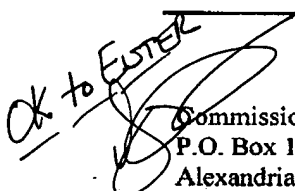
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AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION


Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 05/21/04 and as a follow-up to the personal interview conducted with the Examiner on 8/16/04. Applicants previously faxed a copy of this Amendment without the extension of time fee. To rectify this mistake, Applicants are resubmitting this Amendment with the appropriate fee. Please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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